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UNANIMOUS CONCLUSIONS.

(Reuter's General Agency.)

PARIS, April 3.

It is announced that both the expert committees investigating reparations have reached complete unanimity and the finishing touches are being put to their reports which are expected to be presented to the Reparations Commission during the week-end.

FRANCE'S POLICY QUERIED.

The Chamber of Deputies passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 408 to 151 votes at the conclusion of the debate on the interpellations regarding the Government's policy.

M. Herriot, leader of the Radical Socialists, was the principal critic, particularly of the reparations policy. He declared the only solution lay in international guarantee under the auspices of the League of Nations.

BACK TO WORK.

WEMBLEY STRIKE OVER.

EXHIBITION PROSPECTS.

LONDON, April 3.

Colonel Liddell, Deputy Administrator of the Empire Exhibition has estimated that 70 per cent. of the strikers have resumed work. Many have left for good, but a certain number of London workers will probably return to-morrow.

The effect of the strike will be far greater than the three days' delay involved, but until the extent of the delay has been ascertained, it is impossible to tell the effect on the opening date.

Sir James Stevenson, Chairman of the Exhibition, speaking at the Australian luncheon, said he was convinced the Exhibition would open on April 23.

[Earlier cables stated that Mr. Murray, the London organiser of the Building Trades Federation, had advised the Wembley strikers to resume immediately. He pointed out that a continuance of the strike would seriously prejudice pending negotiations with the employers, the failure of which would mean a national strike on May 1. A mass meeting of Wembley strikers passed a resolution by a small majority, in favour of returning to work. Consequently the vast majority of the men have returned.]

BREAD AND SALT.

JAPANESE PRINCE HONOURED.

RUMANIA'S WELCOME.

BUCHAREST, April 3.

Prince Naruhiko Higashikuni was welcomed here on arrival by the King, the Crown Prince, the Cabinet Ministers, diplomats and chief state dignitaries. A guard of honour was drawn up at the station.

The Mayor of Bucharest presented the customary bread and salt.

The King and Prince Higashikuni drove together to the Royal palace. The whole route was gallantly decorated. The Prince lunched with the Royal Family.

Later he placed a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier and visited the military museum.

In an interview the Prince declared he had been instructed by the Prince Regent of Japan to express to the King of Rumania his gratitude for the visit of the Crown Prince of Rumania to Japan.

BUBBLES IN LENSES.

I have often had friends point

out lenses with bubbles in them,

and heard strong remarks made

on this subject, while I have

noticed that many amateurs will

not buy a lens having a bubble in

one of the component parts,

condemning the lens as bad.

This is by no means so because

actually the small bubbles in

either the front or back component

part of the lens will not make the

slightest difference in the definition

and therefore not affect the resulting

photograph.

Possibly the official explanation

on this particular subject given by

Messrs. Taylor, Taylor and Hobson

of London, makers of the famous

Cooke lens will be of interest.

They say that it might be thought

that a material so expensive as its

modern optical glasses should be free

from all defects. But many of the

difficulties of manufacture are

serious and inevitable.

In order that the various glasses

should possess the necessary refrac-

tive and dispersive powers, a

large variety of materials is em-

ployed by the makers to modify

or temper the fusible earths which

form the chief constituents of the

glass.

The perfect incorporation of

these materials by melting and

stirring them in a crucible, and the

avoidance of discoloration and

But in melting, peculiar difficulty

is experienced. As the pieces

fuse together, bubbles of air

become imprisoned in the viscous

mass, and only the largest of

these quickly rise to the surface

and escape.

The smaller bubbles remained

suspended, and can be removed

only by patiently waiting until

their feeble force carries them to

the surface.

But in the course of waiting,

more serious harm frequently

arises. For the same force of

gravity which expels the bubbles

works other changes within the

body of the glass.

Its heavy constituents sink, and

the resulting lack of homogeneity,

although invisible to the eye, is far

more hurtful to the action of a lens

than the presence of tiny bubbles,

which do not in themselves affect

the defining power of the lens in

the slightest degree.

Like the uncut leaves of a book,

which are a guarantee of the book

being new or unused, bubbles in

certain optical glasses are proof

that the glass has not been spoiled

by long continued heating and the

really wise accept a moderate num-

ber as the inevitable accompani-

ment and mark of good quality.

Finally on the subject of lenses a

word to explain "Depth of focus"

—a well known photographic term

—would not be out of place.

When a lens is focused on a

FRIENDLY JAPAN.

QUEENSLAND PREMIER'S CONFIDENCE.

INFLUENCE IN PACIFIC.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, April 3.

The Premier of Queensland, Mr. Theodore, guest at a luncheon in London, said he was convinced Australia respected the Japanese nation.

Some people said Japan was a menace to Australia but he did not think so.

Australia could live in neighbourly amity with Japan which had a great destiny.

Undoubtedly Japan was entitled and bound to exercise great influence even in the Pacific, where Australia had a vital interest.

Mr. Theodore expressed the opinion that there was no danger of a clash between Australia and Japan over any matter of Australian domestic policy.

MORE LIQUOR FINES.

HEAVY PENALTIES IMPOSED.

JUDGE'S STERN REMARKS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, April 4.

Federal Judge Garvin fined seven of the crew of the White Star liner "Morgenthau" \$1,500 each for bringing liquor into the country.

LATER.

Judge Garvin recalled that he only imposed nominal fines on the crew of the Royal Mail liner "Ordnance" recently when similarly convicted but he issued a warning that the next time he would inflict heavy penalties on British seamen.

Judge Garvin declared foreign ships owe a special obligation to American laws in American waters.

Earlier in the day Cunard and Hamburg-Amerika lines paid \$275 and \$281, respectively, for liquor seized aboard the "Berengaria" and the "Albert Ballin."

VIRULENT PLAGUE.

LAHORE, April 3.

Plague is raging virulently here. At Mooltan there are thirty deaths a day and here four colleges have already closed. The Punjab University examinations will probably be postponed. The commissioner of Mooltan has forbidden the holding of the usual large annual religious fair at the adjacent village.

STEAMER AFIRE.

KALMAR, April 3.

The Swedish steamer "Formosa" bound to Hamburg from Vladivostok with Soya beans had a fire in the cargo and a portion was damaged. The cargo was reloaded and transhipped. The "Formosa" has arrived at Kalmar.

ARMY "SOCCER."

LONDON, April 3.

In the "Soccer" international triangular tournament the Belgian Army defeated the British Army 3-1 at Woolwich.

Having also beaten the French Army the Belgians win the championship.

UNDER BOND.

This morning Ip Wing-kay, the

schoolboy charged with larceny by

bailee, was ordered by Mr. E. W.

Hamilton, to sign a bond for six

months.

Yesterday defendant pleaded

guilty to receiving small sums

from people with which to

pay fines and converting some to

his own use.

He was represented in Court by

Mr. M. K. Lo. His Worship asked

if defendant could be found if

wanted and Detective Sub-In-

spector Reynolds replied that the

boy's parents were considered re-

spectable persons. A doubt was ex-

pressed by the Magistrate that the

boy was only sixteen years of age.

with every lens, from the

most expensive downwards, has

a point beyond which everything

is in focus. This point is called

the infinity mark, and necessarily

depends entirely on the focal

length of the particular lens, and

has nothing to do with its type or

quality. This infinity point is

brought very much nearer by

stopping down which explains why

everything generally becomes

sharp when the lens is stopped

down to its smallest aperture.

As an example with a lens of 5"

focus the infinity point at F. 8

is 26 feet; while if that lens is

stopped down to F. 64 it is then

3ft. 6 inches only.

It is the amount of latitude in a

lens in getting both near and far

objects in focus at the same time

that is spoken of as the Depth of

Focus.

—Y.Z.

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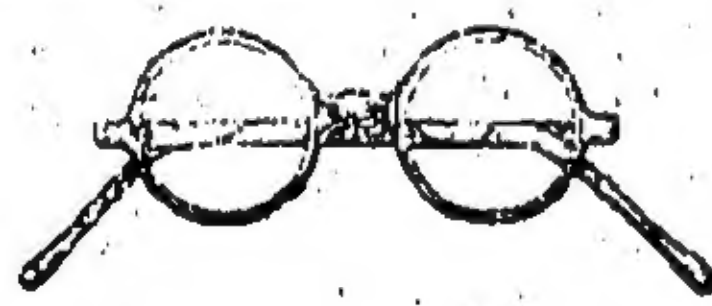
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BIRTH.

HOWES.—On March 29, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Marvin Howes, a son.

MARRIAGE.

DUMBARTON—TRUEMAN.—On March 29, 1924, at Shanghai, Nora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Trueman, Shanghai, to George Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dumbarton, of Dulwich, England.

DEATH.

MACHADO.—Jose Maria Evaristo Machado, at his residence, No. 11, Macdonnell Road, this morning at 5.30 a.m. Funeral will pass the Monument this afternoon at 5.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1924.

TO GO?

The conditions under which the Home Socialist Government assumed office, placing itself, so to speak, as a rose between two

ment. Yesterday's news is sufficient to indicate that the Conservatives and Liberals will have nothing to do with a piece of proposed legislation that on the very face of things imposes an unjust burden on one class of the community—a class which already bears its fair share of the burden of taxation. It is obvious that another way out than that proposed, and happily withdrawn, will have to be found. And it raises anew the question as to whether the Government has a right to remain in office. It cannot always go on saying it will not treat an adverse vote as a vote of no confidence—or rather it can go on saying that clinging—at the same time to the seals and emoluments of office. Where that sort of thing is going to end it is difficult to realise. Certain it is that a Government which cannot enforce its wishes at Home is not likely to enforce them abroad and to command that respect which it took up office and the Premier commenced those political moves—particularly with France—which filled us with high hopes yet to materialise. In an earlier article, we suggested that whatever might follow as the result of the establishment of a Socialist Government, the blame if any must be laid entirely at the door of the Liberal party, for it was by the united vote of that party that the present Government sailed into office. It appeared to us at the time that the question of spite or hate, actuated "the other side" in keeping out the Tories, rather than the broader and better view of the country's welfare, assuming that that welfare could be secured by some safe, and normal legislation. The country is faced with a political situation that, unless it is delicately handled seems bound to lead almost to revolution—certainly to the rousing of passions and class hatred, when in these days it is the duty of all to combine to put the country on its feet and "none be for a party, but all for the state." The jolt which the Government has received in the debate which has taken place on its Eviction Bill will have done good if it makes it realise the temper of the House—a temper which probably reflects in the main the opinions of the country—those who have a stake in it at any rate. Mr. MacDonald's high idealism has earned the best wishes of all. It would be a pity to sacrifice chances of doing great good for a temporary expedient of a very doubtful character.

American Friendship.

We shall find little, if any, disagreement with the general statement that it is highly desirable that the English-speaking nations of the world shall live and work together in amity. If those who understand each other's tongue, and have thereby an easier access to a mutual understanding of each other's aims and motives, fail to understand—or willfully go out of their way to misconstrue, how can we expect others not so favourably situated, to do the same, or make an attempt to that end? We therefore welcome the glad news that the last dark cloud helping to obscure that friendship which should be every law of reason, exist between Britain and America has been dissolved by a stream of goodwill on the part of the British Government, which is to its great credit. Consular officials rightly, first and last, represent their Governments and their own nationals—to the latter of whom they may rightly be regarded as protective agents. Beyond that, they are likely to exceed their functions and bring discredit upon themselves and a sense of resentment against their own Governments who are made responsible for their speech and actions. The American Consuls at Newcastle undoubtedly exceeded their lawful functions in attempting to further American trade by seeking to divert freight business to American ships. We can find it in our hearts to sympathise with them. It is true, we believe that America has, in the words of our own Mr. Hamilton, been "sold a pup," in regard to its Shipping Board fleet, which if we are correctly informed, has not been quite a profitable venture. Our Home Government has been

magnanimous in not insisting on the charges made, and in assenting to the reopening of the Consulate at Newcastle. If we understand American outlook, this act will not be understood as a sign of weakness, but as another evidence of British honesty of purpose, to be placed alongside that other example of honesty which has excited the approval of successive Presidents—the payment by Britain of her war debts. In no sense of boasting do we submit that the destinies of the world, for good or ill, lie with the English-speaking nations of the world. It is imperative therefore that the two great nations "speaking the tongue that Milton spoke" should have a sense of perfect understanding, recognising the spiritual kinship that has made them great and that draws one to the other.

Hongkong Again.

Some one a long time ago suggested that Hongkong should be what is known as boosted. We had glories, natural and artificial, of which the world should be made aware. We are not sure what the idea was, but believe it had got something to do with advertising. We are probably better known in America for our beauties and other qualities, than anywhere else. Tourists and globe-trotters visit us with a seeming regularity that is bordering on the common—we are getting used to it. But the world at large is getting to hear of us. It is not told of our famous harbour, our Peak, or our motor roads, or of the sights which like a glad romance enthrall us if we would only let them. No! the boosting is the reverse of that. This is a wicked place indeed. Lady members of Parliament blush for us and make others do the same by the very un-Victorian questions they thrust upon our Mr. Thomas—look you! The typhoon howled itself boisterously upon our solid hills—and passed on. But its echo became heard, and our Mr. Thomas again was put to it to reassure. Now the pirates! Our departing Taipans and pensioners can surely do the place a good turn. Imaginations in the wrong minds are dreadful things. Did not Mr. Parr tell us how one Sunday evening he spent a fidgety half-hour listening to an ill-informed clergyman telling a credulous congregation of Hongkong's slaves and how, shackled and manacled, they were to be seen in Queen's Road—or perhaps it was Stubbs Road. Those same imaginations will readily conjure up visions of the Jolly Roger and perhaps "dear relatives" walking the plank. These questions in the House of course do some good. Very often they are too late. But in the present case we hope the last of Piracy has not been heard in the House of Commons, although the Wireless School is going to help in this urgent problem. Anyway, we all certainly hope so.

THE SCOTTISH

National Institution for Blind Soldiers and Sailors, Newington House, Edinburgh should certainly find a warm corner in the hearts of at least Scottish people. Newington House is a testimony of Scotsmen's gratitude to men who fought for their country in the Great War and were deprived of their sight.

The sad case of these men made an immediate and irresistible appeal to Scotsmen at home and abroad. What moved Scotsmen to action everywhere was the kindly thought that our blinded brothers should be cared for by their "ain folk," near their old homes, and among their own "kith and kin." Fortune favoured the promoters in securing, so suitable a residence as the historic Mansion of Newington House, with its spacious and beautiful grounds and it is here that these Scottish men who have proved themselves, and suffered so lamentably in the proving, are cared for. Newington House is the Scottish equivalent of St. Dunstan's and that seems all that is necessary to say about an institution which has received the approval of H.M. the King and Queen. Local Scotsmen who may need an outlet for their practical sympathies, have that outlet offered to them in this Newington House which deserves all the help that can be given to it.

The Hongkong University has an official anthem, which a band religiously plays at each degree function; but have the students got any songs worth sending a cable home about? We remember an attempt being made some time ago to circulate in the "beauties" of the Scottish Song Book—let us add a splendid book of concentrated joviality equal to gallons of libations of weak tea. We got as far as "wrap me

my old tarpaulin jacket", but an almost nightly dose of this spoils our repose, and we handed over the piano to a sixth wrangler, who quickly gave it up in favour of recitals from Beethoven, Rubinstein, and Padrevhiski, which seemed to be better appreciated. The University possesses quite a number of disciples of the poetic muse. We trust, having given them the hint, they will see to and write a few rousing songs.

The February number of "The Health," an Indian magazine, has some amusing rules which it offers "for the benefit of people who wish to enjoy poor health." These it adds, if observed religiously, will not only lead to persistent ill health, but to an early grave. Here are some of the rules:—

Encourage the flies in every way possible. Remove all screens from doors and windows, and leave plenty of stale food around. A little garbage helps.

Throw away your toothbrush. The toothbrush is one of the deadliest enemies of poor health.

Buy patent medicines in large quantities. Some of these, unfortunately, are comparatively harmless, but, by experimenting with a dozen or two, it is usually possible to impair some of your vital organs beyond recall.

Eat heavy meals at irregular hours. Pie eaten late at night is usually effective; lots of candy and good rich grease are recommended.

Always get off street cars backward, and when you want to cross the street, pay no attention to traffic policemen or motor cars.

Never go to a doctor when you are sick. If possible, dose yourself with some old family remedy.

Avoid fresh air. Sleep with the windows tightly closed. Remember that night air is the only kind there is at night, and that many people have permanently lost their poor health through sleeping with the windows open.

And lastly, be sure that your wife or husband has the phone number of the nearest undertaker, and that there is plenty of room in the family lot at the cemetery.

To-day's Poem.

(The Breeze.)

Up with the sun, the breeze arose;
Across the talking corn she goes.
Through all the land her tale she tells;
She spins, she tosses, she compels
The kites, the clouds, the windmill sails,
And all the trees in all the dales.
—Stevenson.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

APRIL 4.

1750. "A warm winter, a dry spring,

A hot summer, a new King."
Though the sting is very epigrammatic, the whole of the distich has more of the truth than becomes prophecy; that it is false, for the spring is wet and cold.
—Walpole.

ARE THE SEXES EQUAL?

Biological theosophy teaches us that through the whole animal scale, and while the specific type is preserved, radical differences, physical and moral, distinguish the sexes. Comparing sex with age, biological analysis presents the female sex, in the human species especially, as constitutionally in a state of perpetual infancy, in comparison with the other, and therefore more remote in all important respects from the ideal type of the race. Sociology will prove that the equality of the sexes is compatible with all social existence by showing that each sex has special and permanent functions which it must fulfil in the natural economy of the human family, and which concur in a common end by different ways, the welfare which results being in no degree injured by the necessary subordination, since the happiness of every being depends on the wise development of its proper nature.
—Comte.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

April 4—Coronet Theatre; "Trifling Women."

April 4—Star Theatre, Kowloon; Potash and Perlmutter.
April 4—World Theatre; Harold Lloyd in "Safety Last."
April 7—Grand Piano-forte Recital in St. Andrew's Hall, 5.30 p.m.

SOCIAL.
April 5—Monthly dance at Craigengower Cricket Club.
April 11—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.
April 12—Public Dinner to Sir William Ross, Davies at Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.
April 23—Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.
April 26—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

SPORT.
April 5-7—Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Captain's Cup.
April 19 and 21—H.K. Jockey Club 2nd extra race meetings.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
April 5—Lammert Bros., at 6 Catchick St., Kennedy Town, rice mills with huller and polishers, machines, motors, etc., 11 a.m.
April 9—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, the a.s. "Kwai Wa," now lying at Shamshipo, 3 p.m.
April 16—Lammert Bros., at 6 Catchick St., Kennedy Town, two complete sets mltion and cane splitting machinery, etc., 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETING.
April 10—Second yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, noon.
April 11—Seventeenth annual meeting of Garde, Price & Co., Ltd., at 8 Queen's Road Central, noon.

OTHER MEETING.
April 11—All interested in proposal to form a Hongkong Forfarshire Assn. to meet at No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Ground Floor, opposite Star Ferry at 6 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Li Lam (20) fell down from the Aberdeen bus, while it was moving yesterday. He was removed to hospital.

Being knocked over by a goods truck was the misfortune which befell a mason on the Wanchai Road yesterday.

Li Yew-hon, ex-Civil Governor of Kwangtung, is reported to be in Hongkong, whence he will proceed North to interview Wu Pei-foo.

According to a *Reuter* cable from Warsaw, the Polish Senate has approved the ratification of a commercial navigation treaty between Poland and Japan.

"Potash and Perlmutter," unquestionably one of the most delightful pictures ever filmed, will be shown at the Star Theatre this evening, when it is sure to draw large houses after its record success at the Coronet Theatre.

Mr. Harry Ore, whose recital is to take place on Monday, has received word that a concert devoted to his works is to be given in Riga. Another of his compositions, on Lettish Folk songs, is being performed at the Sydney Conservatoire.

THE SHANGHAI TIMES.

ARISING PHOENIX-LIKE.

The fire which completely devastated "The Shanghai Times" building last week has evidently not damped the feelings and energies of those connected with the paper, and the incidents which have followed prove a tribute to indomitable spirit and enterprise, a considerable degree of optimism in disheartening circumstances, and the fact that man's humanity to man can make countless thousands think. It was impossible to produce the "Times" the morning after the fire, but the next day the paper appeared—in a modified form it is true, but with many of the features hitherto connected with the paper. An editorial pays just and fitting tribute to "The Shanghai Mercury" to whom the fact of the "Times" appearance is mainly due; also to Mr. H. Ellis of the Linotype and Machinery, Ltd. Appreciation is also made of the services of the Fire Brigade and of others, and there is the human touch in the reference to the Chinese Office Boy who had the presence of mind to phone for the brigade immediately the fire broke out. Journalists will probably best appreciate the difficulties which have been encountered and join their congratulations with others in the manner in which such almost overwhelming difficulties have been met.

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HONGKONG UNIVERSITY. ARTS ASSOCIATION DINNER.

The great event of the year for the Arts Association, namely its annual dinner and concert, took place on Tuesday, April 1, in the Great Hall of the University.

The Hall was very appropriately decorated for the occasion, thanks to the untiring energy of the members of the Committee and a few willing members. Above the platform was exhibited a poster, painted for the occasion by Mr. A. Kirk. It represented the University as a light-house, with the lantern, understood to be the Faculty of Arts.

The first part of the programme for the night consisted of the dinner, the speeches and a few musical interludes. The second part consisted of a comedy entitled "Wurzel Plummery" by A. A. Milne. No less than 185 persons sat down to dinner. This number constitutes a record in the annals of the University, for no other similar occasion has there been such a large gathering.

Prof. Brown presided. After dinner, the President of the Association, Prof. W. Brown, proposed the toast of the "King" and the "President of the Republic of China."

The Chairman of the Association, Mr. N. H. F. Prew, was then called upon to give the toast of "Our Guests." In a few well chosen words, he welcomed all those who were present, whether officially or privately invited, and mentioned the names of Miss R. Hazeland, Mrs. Forster, Messrs. A. Kirk, D. W. Morley, H. Piercy, and Mr. and Mrs. Collett, to whom the Association felt particularly indebted for their contributions towards the programme of music and drama for the evening. He coupled the toast of "Our Guests" with that of the name of Rev. J. K. Maconachie.

Following this toast was a violin solo by Mr. V. P. Viccajee. Mr. Maconachie was next called upon to reply on behalf of the guests.

After this "Beloved It Is Morn" by Florence Alward, was sung by Mrs. Collett. This was beautifully rendered and she was most enthusiastically cheered.

Owing to an indisposition, Mr. Warner, who was to have proposed the toast to the Arts Association, was unable to be present at the time, however, Rev. C. B. Shann very ably filled his place. In between this proposal and that of the reply by Prof. Brown, Mr. H. Piercy sang "Come Friend," by Graham Peel. Prof. Brown's speech concluded the first part of the evening's programme, and all those present were requested to leave the hall in order that the seating could be rearranged, to enable the play to be seen more easily. During this short interval, the committee saw to the rearrangement of the seats and the removal of the tables. In about a quarter of an hour all was ready.

The one act play, Wurzel Plummery, was a comedy of a light and good-natured satire of the power of money. The players acted excellently and could not have done better. Miss R. Hazeland, Mrs. Forster, Mr. Morley, Prof. Hinton, and Mr. Hett formed the members of the cast.

The arrangements for this comedy were in the hands of Mr. Hett who was ably assisted by Prof. Simpson. Thanks are due to all of the players for the excellent show they presented.

At the conclusion of the play, the Vice-Chancellor Mr. W. W. Hornell proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had contributed to the success of the evening and to the committee for the capable manner in which they had made all the arrangements for the evening.

The following constitutes the committee:—President, Professor Brown; Hon. Vice-President, Mr. W. W. Hornell; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Fenton, and Messrs. Ponsonby Fane and A. S. Hett; Mr. N. H. F. Prew (Chairman); Mr. C. Z. M. Ma (Vice-Chairman); Mr. C. G. Tong (Hon. Secretary); Mr. V. N. Nguyen (Hon. Treasurer); Mr. Wei Tat, Miss L. Ho Tung, and Messrs. A. G. Botelho, B. P. Ng, T. F. Lo, H. C. Chin and P. T. Lim.
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BILLIARDS TOURNEY.

K.K. LEUNG v. C. EARNshaw.

In the second round of the open billiards championship at the V. R. C. last night, K. K. Leung defeated C. Earnshaw by 800 points to 597.

Leung's best break was 55, and he also put up others of 45, 38, 33, 27, (2), 21, and 20 (2). Earnshaw was not in his best mood, his highest being 31, with other breaks of 28 (2), 27, 22 (2), 21, and 20.

MURDER TRIAL DRAMA.

PRISONER'S SENSATIONAL CHARGES.

LANTAO VICTIM'S PARENTS ACCUSED.

Deliberate Family Conspiracy Alleged.

Emphatically denying that she put poisonous leaves in her husband's food and killed him, the Lantao woman charged with murder created a sensation in Court this morning by alleging that her mother-in-law and father-in-law—parents of the victim—had deliberately killed their son and had accused her of the crime. One of the witnesses, she said, had been paid to give evidence against her.

The trial has extended over four days and to-day, the fifth, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock (acting Attorney-General) closed the case for the Crown.

Mr. Campbell Prosser, for the defence called his witnesses straight away. The first, Mr. Daniel Wilson, manager of the wholesale department of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., was described as an expert witness attending under subpoena. He gave technical evidence delving into the intricacies of chemistry, and particularly alkaloids.

Mr. Wilson told the Court that he dealt largely with alkaloids and his firm was the most extensive supplier in the Colony. He was not familiar with the "gelsemium elegans"; it was not met with in the ordinary trade. All he knew about it he had learnt from medical and text books. His firm had investigated another plant in the New Territories with the object of taking strychnine from it. The alkaloid from the "gelsemium elegans" was very little known the text books gave very little information about it. It was stated on the text books that it was a poison very quick in action.

At this point, Mr. Pollock objected stating that the witness should not be allowed to give evidence from what he had read in text books.

Alkaloids.

Mr. Prosser: What is meant by the decomposition of an alkaloid?

Witness: I should say that decomposition would mean that it would no longer be an alkaloid; it would not be the same.

Mr. Prosser: What is toxicity?

Witness: The poisonous principles or the poisonous effect of the alkaloid.

Is it what we call a "noxious thing"?—What do you mean by noxious?

Mr. Prosser explained that a thing that would do great damage. Witness agreed.

Counsel for the defence asked witness what was the test for toxicity in alkaloids?

Mr. Wilson said that it was to try the alkaloid on animals.

If you took a substance from the stomach of a man which appeared not to be toxic, nor to contain toxic properties would you say that that alkaloid had ever been toxic?—I should think it never had been toxic.

If a grain of impure vegetable alkaloid is taken from the stomach and a pure alkaloid taken from a plant would you expect the chemical reaction to be identical?—Oh yes if the alkaloids were the same.

Mr. Wilson went on to say that no alkaloid lost its toxicity unless it was broken up.

In reply to counsel, witness showed the Court by half closing his fist how much would represent 100 grains of dry leaf. There would be no difficulty he said, in boiling 500 grains of leaves in the pan produced in Court.

Mr. Prosser: Can you tell me whether the poisonous qualities are in the leaves or in the root?

Witness: I could not say as I know little about it.

Gross examined, witness agreed with Mr. Pollock that if an impure vegetable alkaloid were administered to an animal and that animal showed toxic symptoms it

showed there were certain toxic principles in the impure vegetable alkaloid.

In reply to the judge, witness said that he did not agree with the statement made by Mr. Dovey that twenty-five days after the stomach had been examined, the alkaloid would have been broken up.

Later, witness added that he did not know anything about this particular alkaloid, but there were vegetable alkaloids which were specially persistent.

Mr. Pollock: You don't dispute that Mr. Dovey is an efficient analyst do you?

Mr. Prosser objected to the question stating it was hardly fair.

Replying to Mr. Prosser, witness said that he did not know what the symptoms would be if a man took a nerve poison into the stomach.

Prisoner's Denial.

The accused was next called. She said the deceased was her second husband and she was his second wife. They were on good terms with each other; though she was not with her mother-in-law.

Referring to her movements on the day of her husband's death, accused said she went out at nine o'clock in the morning and did not return until six in the evening. She did not go home at mid-day; sometimes her husband did and sometimes not. When she returned, she found her husband dead and she cried. She did not understand what the police arrested her for.

Five weeks later, continued the accused the police found two leaves.

Mr. Prosser: Did you know anything about these leaves?

Accused: I got them to stop bleeding of the nose. I put them up my nostrils.

The accused stated that she picked up the leaves often: it was a good remedy for a bleeding nose and common knowledge.

Mr. Prosser: Have you ever put anything into your husband's food; anything which you knew to be of a poisonous nature?

Accused: No!

Is there any reason you should want your husband to die?—No! If I wanted my husband to die I should not have married him.

Did you like him as much before he died as when you married him?—Yes, just the same.

Under cross-examination, the accused stated that she was 24 years of age and was married for the first time when she was twenty.

The Acting Attorney-General: What do you suggest is the cause of your husband's death?

Accused: I do not know, but now "ho man tung" has been produced, my husband was poisoned by my mother-in-law; who has accused me.

Accused denied that she had put poisonous leaves in her husband's food. She stated that the whole charge was a conspiracy by her mother-in-law, her father-in-law and two other relations (in Court) to get her into trouble.

Mr. Pollock: Do you suggest deliberately that your mother-in-law, and your father-in-law have killed your husband?

Accused: Yes!

(Case proceeding.)

MYSTIC RITES.

AND JEWELS THAT VANISHED.

"JOSS MAN'S" FRAUD.

HONGKONG WOMAN'S AMAZING CREDULITY.

An account of how a Chinese lady has been tricked of \$1,200 by a fortune-teller is related in police circles.

She says that some time ago, a "joss" man called at her house and warned her against an impending disaster this year. He predicted that she would meet "an awful blood calamity" possibly involving her life and suggested as the only remedy, devout worship coupled with a mystic ceremony which he alone could perform.

At any rate she claims to have complied by placing \$1,200 worth

of jewellery and notes in a small box. This was sealed with a paper charm full of weird cyphers. The "joss" man's instructions were that the box must on no account be opened till after forty-nine days (seven times seven). After chanting over the box for some time, the man left.

Now the woman claims to have waited till the stipulated period expired. Fully believing that the perils which beset her had been charmed away, she opened her box to find that not the evils but her valuables and money had vanished. She refused to give her name and address, her reason being that she anticipates domestic chidings for her foolishness.

The output of coal from the mines of Great Britain for the week ended February 9, was 5,608,800 tons, compared with 5,568,000 tons in the corresponding week last year.

CHINA'S Y.W.C.A.

AFFILIATED TO WORLD'S COMMITTEE.

COMING CONFERENCE.

The Y.W.C.A. of China by virtue of its national organization at last October's Convention, is now for the first time a member of the World's Association and will be represented at the meeting of the World's Committee by Mrs. H. C. Mei of Shanghai. This meeting, which is to be held in Washington, D. C. from May 9th to 16th will be attended by about 100 voting delegates and visitors representing forty countries. Mrs. Mei of Shanghai for some time Chairman of the National Committee in China, sails from Shanghai on the "President McKinley" (to-day) April 3, and will be accompanied by Miss Shu-ching Ting, Acting General Secretary of the National Committee.

The World's Committee is the international body of the Young Women's Christian Association with headquarters in London. Its secretaries travel in forty countries, developing and correlating the work. Among the foreign delegates who will be present at the Convention are the Hon. Mrs. Montagu Waldgrave, President, the Countess of Portsmouth, Lady Parnoor and Miss Edith Pictor-Turville, of the Executive Committee, from France, Countess de Pourtales and Mlle Jean Berthier will attend as delegates; from Germany, Fri. Hilda Zarnack; from Italy, Miss Mary Rossi; from Estonia, Miss Helen Pold. Other delegates include Froken Olafsen, of Denmark, and Miss Taka Kato San, Japan.

Miss Michi Kawai of Japan, and Froken Sigrid Neitzel, of Sweden are Vice Presidents. The Countess of Portsmouth is Treasurer and Miss Charlotte Niven the General Secretary. Miss Shin Tak Hing former Secretary of the Hongkong Y.W.C.A. and who for the past eighteen months has been studying at the London School of Economics will also attend. Miss Shin is to cross Canada on her return next month and will visit a number of the Canadian Associations to whom she is already known by name. On her return she will be connected with the National Staff in Shanghai.

This is the first time that the tradition of holding the World's Committee meeting in Europe has been broken in favour of a gathering in the "New World." Former meetings have been held in France, Germany, Sweden, Austria and Switzerland.

"TRIFLING WOMEN."

CORONET'S REMARKABLE PICTURE.

Powerful is a much abused word for describing movie plays but it is the only word that can be found to describe this evening's Coronet Theatre feature attraction, "Trifling Women" presents a powerful story powerfully acted. Sometimes it is a question which is the more powerful—the story or the acting. Possibly it is the latter, not merely because the leading roles are all taken by brilliant players like young Ramon Navarro or beautiful Barbara La Marr, but more perhaps because the whole cast has been selected with the greatest care and every member thereof has made a special study of the part allotted him. Anyhow, be it principally story or acting, the picture leaves such a vivid impression in the mind that the reaction from the almost weirdly dramatic climax takes the beholder almost completely by surprise. Long before the climax is reached, however, the beholder has become deeply absorbed in the story, how a beautiful but, fickle society crystal gazer—the trifling woman of the picture—plays with the loves and lives of men; how she rouses the fire of youth and the intrigue of age; how she invokes the aid of her pet ape to encompass the death of one too persistent admirer during the strangest dinner party ever filmed; how she brings the two best swordsmen in all Paris to a duel; how eventually she is overtaken by revenge planned by a man whom she had seen die with her own eyes; how she seems fated to die the terrible death his uncanny power has designed for her; and how she is turning mad with grief and despair when the great climax comes, swiftly and forcibly, to startle the beholder and lift from his mind the burden that the sombrely fascinating story and the intense acting has been steadily increasing with every new dramatic incident.

"Trifling Women" is a very remarkable picture, and as such is bound to attract much attention and comment during its run at the Coronet Theatre.

THE CHINA PONY.

TIENTSIN RACE CLUB'S DECISION.

DIVERGENT VIEWS HELD BY PUBLIC.

TIENTSIN, March 28.

A far reaching decision was made yesterday at an extraordinary meeting of the Tientsin Race Club, when the members voted rigidly to interpret the meaning of "for the type of ponies customarily bred in China, Manchuria and Mongolia." Accented seemed to be placed on the word, "customarily," and here after types not coming within the meaning of that word will be excluded from competition with the favoured type. The decision hits directly at half breeds, which have played havoc at many recent meetings in China, and is an echo of similar agitations in other treaty ports.

The Tientsin Race Club will hereafter, for the rule goes into immediate effect, closely inspect all entries, which must be passed by a two-thirds majority of the Stewards, where any doubt exists. Two classes have been established; one called "A" for the regular "China pony" and "B" for the half-breeds, under 14 hands. Races for 13.1 hand ponies will be abolished and in their stead there will be special races for "B" class ponies.

It is considered by many racing men that yesterday's decision is timely, for the racing game has been gradually getting beyond the financial status of small owners, whose participation is said to be the mainstay of amateur racing clubs. The ordinary "China pony" class of griffin, costing as it does about Tls. 100 or Tls. 200, is felt to be within the purchasing power of small owners, whereas the better class half breed horse, costing Tls. 1,000 or Tls. 2,000 is considered otherwise.

THEORY AND FACT.

How much of these contentions is mere theory and how much actual fact is difficult to indicate, but it is reported that many small, one-pony owners have been disgusted with recent meetings in Tientsin and have decided to stay out. Several vacant stables at the Race Club this season bear witness to a lack of interest.

In contrast with the opinion held in racing circles that half-breeds have injured the sport there is the opinion of interested observers that half-breeds have helped racing in a broader sense by improving the stock. Holders of one side of this controversy say the handwriting on the wall indicates the end of the half-breed; those of the other side say it means the extinction in due course of time, of the pure (?) China pony.

Between these two factions there is the general public, which in the last analysis is the real mainstay of racing in China; and which does not care much whether a half-breed or a thoroughbred carries the numbers of their sweep tickets. They care not whether the ponies are entered by "small" or "large" owners, amateur or professional, ridden by "small" or "large" jockeys, amateur or professional. The general public is directly interested in the actual racing animal only so far as it provides him with fast and interesting races, in other words, gives him a run for his money.

THE PUBLIC'S POINT OF VIEW. As long as the powers are held by amateur race club members, among whom the rich amateurs are a small minority, so long will they be able to exclude the improved half-breed. But, if the general public is ever able to extend its influence over racing it will demand a better and faster pony.

As to the participation of the small owner, it is held to be an empty theory that his presence is an aid to racing, for he has not the funds and influence at his command to obtain services of the ablest trainers and better class jockeys. He cannot present his amateur rider with a new motor car for winning a Leger or a Champion. He must train and either ride his pony himself or be content to get third call on a rated second or third-class jockey. At the most, it is felt, he has a remote outside chance of winning a race, and the contented point, with considerable emphasis, authority to the records of China race meetings. He is considered to have more chance of losing his Tls. 100 or Tls. 200 than the big owner has of losing his Tls. 1,000 or Tls. 2,000 and in the end suffers more by his "small" loss than the big owner suffers by his "big" loss and taken by and large has little to gain and everything to lose.

The controversy thus arisen between the half-breed and the China pony, while, for the time being, eliminated by legislation is still only in its infancy and as time goes on is certain to increase. Evolution and the survival of the fittest will, it is felt, prove the best counsel as regards the relative merits of animals.

OFFICIAL CHANGES.

LATEST KONGMOON PORTENTS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKKA, KONGMOON, April 3. Lam Yenk-shu, the present Coastal Defence Commissioner, is expected to relinquish his post shortly because of difficulties with his subordinates.

Political developments are awaited with interest. General Hsu Shung-chi is mentioned as likely to come to Kongmoon where he will assume command of all the troops. Should this eventuate, there is a probability of ex-Admiral Chan Chak resuming the position of Coastal Defence Commissioner. Chan is reported as staying at the Astor House with his bride. Rumour has it that he is likely to go to Shanghai but this is doubted. On the other hand, Hsu is said to dislike Kongmoon and prefers Cheung Chow, where he was several years ago.

[Cheung Chow is a port near the Kwangtung-Fukien border, now the bone of contention between rival leaders in Fukien province.] A reliable source states that fighting has broken out at Shih Hing on the West River. More troops are expected to arrive here under Cheng Kwok-ching.

The s.s. "Chung On" has returned to the Hongkong-Kongmoon run in place of the "Kwong Fook Cheung" which goes on the Hongkong-Wuchow service.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

What would seem to be a very foolish practical joke, says the *Malay Mail*, was played the other night when calling-card boxes were taken from various houses and transferred to others. In all, fifteen instances have been reported. The affair is in the hands of the police.

H.M.S. "Iroquois" (Commander Tinson O.B.E., R.N.) has arrived at Singapore. She has been detailed for surveying duties in the neighbourhood of Singapore. H.M.S. "Hollyoak" (Commander A. G. Peace D.S.P., R.N.) has returned to Singapore from Johore.

An extraordinary incident occurred the other day at Pudu which is now practically part of Kuala Lumpur, says the *Malay Mail*. Two tapers walked down the street in the middle of the day. The male was shot but the female escaped. They had come probably from the nearest forest reserve but the incident is probably unparalleled in so busy a place as Pudu, close to a town of this size.



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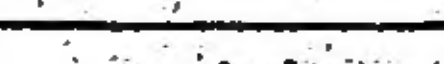
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BRITISH NORTH BORNEO. LATEST NEWS AND NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SANDAKAN, March 27.
The dispute between the Police and some of the Chinese in Sandakan over the matter of firing of crackers has been amicably settled. At one time the affair assumed a serious aspect but it is all happily ended now.

The s.s. "Malayan," a vessel of 2007 tons net, 450 H.P. under the command of Captain J. Kilpatrick, arrived from Sydney on March 6, bound for Hongkong and Japan. Rumour has it that she has been sold to a Japanese firm. She left for Hongkong after bunkering on March 9.

The s.s. "Deli" arrived here from Singapore via Jesselton and Kudat on March 1, bringing a queer lot as passengers, a batch of 20 old and young Nepalese the first time those unusual visitors have ever been seen in Sandakan in their native costume. They came here for trading purposes. Their goods consist of roots, beads, charms and other native medicines. The day after their arrival they took out hawkers' licences, and it is said that they made a fairly good haul from the Chinese. They returned to Singapore by the same steamer, on her return trip to Sulu and Zambanga. This vessel returned with large numbers of pilgrims—men and women, mostly from Mindanao Province P.I., en route to Mecca.

The "Deli" also took away a few Sandakan residents, including Major Watson and his niece Miss "Lart" who are proceeding to England for a holiday.

Mr. W. Gow, Chief Engineer gave a farewell dinner and dance on March 11 on board the s.s. "Hinsang," the well-known steamer plying regularly between Hongkong and Sandakan, under the command of Captain Kellman, the genial and well liked skipper. The occasion was Mr. Gow's last voyage as Chief Engineer to this part of the world, as he is now retiring on a well earned pension after 30 years of faithful service in the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., twenty-three years as Chief on various ships of the same company. About thirty guests were present.

After supper dancing was indulged in till late at night when the party broke up and left in the steamer launch kindly lent by Messrs Kin Eng Watt Bros. after wishing Mr. Gow a pleasant voyage and many years of happiness with his people in his homeland in Scotland. I am informed that Mr. Gow has a son who is 3rd Officer on board the s.s. "Chun Sang."

Mr. F. W. Frase, O.B.E. Government Secretary, returned to Sandakan on February 15 from England after a short holiday at home combined with official business.

The Secretariat staff left for Jesselton by the s.s. "Kajang" on March 16 where they will be stationed as usual for about six months. His Excellency, the Governor and Lady Rycroft and the Private Secretary Mr. Summerfield, will follow later.

The Sandakan Bachelors' Dance and Supper, took place on March 1, at the Sandakan Hotel and I am told it was a great success. About 90 ladies and gentlemen took part, some appeared in fancy dress costumes and some in evening dress. H.H. the Governor and Lady Rycroft were present.

The s.s. "Chun Sang" arrived from Hongkong on March 18 and on examination by the Doctor a case of small-pox was discovered and the usual precautions were immediately taken regarding the rest of passengers and the crew.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

For P. & O. s.s. "Soudan" on Apr. 4: Capt and Mrs Duncan, Capt. Geyers, Newington, Lieut. Cortlandt-Anderson, Miss Marie, Major Elliot, Mrs. Ashley, Mr. P. J. Antlesara, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Hanan, Mrs. Morrison, P. Woods, Mr. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. M. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. F. W. Howatou, Mr. and Mrs. Bilgazi, Mrs. P. Robinson, Miss D. M. Salaman, Mrs. D. Steel, Mr. F. A. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jacobs, Miss E. L. Fierce, Miss O. E. Eaton, Miss B. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, Mr. G. G. Peters, Dr. D. H. Davenport, Mr. M. Moynan and Mr. J. M. Karim.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In addition to the quotations given on page 11 as usual, the following should be noted:

Hongkong Stock Exchange:—
Ropes ex rights ex bonus \$24½ nominal, rights \$3 prem. buy.
Bonus shares \$24½ nominal.
Hongkong Developments \$1¼ buyers \$1½ sales.
China Buses \$10¼ buyers.

SHANGHAI MARCH SETTLEMENT.

It was learned yesterday afternoon that the March settlement of the Shanghai Stock Exchange which takes place to-day had been satisfactorily arranged, says the N.C.D. News of March 25. It is a very heavy settlement, probably the largest since 1920, and there were certain adverse factors which had to be overcome.

A considerable part of the settlement has to deal with Ewos, which have gone into one or two hands only. As in the case of the December settlement Hongkong has been a large seller of this stock.

In Langkats the amount involved is believed to be even greater than in Cotton shares. The settlement has been very large, particularly in shares carried over from December to the present date. One of the factors affecting the present settlement arose from the disappointment experienced because the anticipated dividend in the case of Langkats "single" was not declared.

Since December there has also been a big drop in Rubbers, which proved a further source of disappointment to those interested. Coupled with these considerations it has to be borne in mind that the high rate of interest for carrying shares from December exerted an influence upon the position. Thanks, however, to easy money at the present juncture, the settlement is being negotiated successfully.

The outlook is very quiet.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Siamese Tramway Co. are paying a dividend for the year of 24 per cent.

The report of the directors of Puri Perak Rubber Co. shows that \$22,007 are available for distribution. The directors recommend that \$6,000 be transferred to cash reserve and \$16,007 be carried forward subject to payment of directors' fees.

CRICKET.

C.C.C. v. E.E. TELEGRAPH CO.

The following will play for Craig-crowner in their home friendly match with the Telegraph Co. to-morrow—F. E. Lawrence, T. Grimes, H. J. Dennis, G. W. Milne, G. White, E. Mowling, B. Musket, S. Abbas, Y. Abbas, M. Pinna and P. K. Modi.

"WAYFOONG" v. "EWO."

The following team has been chosen to represent "Wayfoong" against "Ewo" to-morrow at the Chinese Recreation Club ground, Causeway Bay, at 2.15 p.m.—D. E. G. Nicholson (Captain), W. J. Clerk, H. G. Hegarty, R. W. Lee, I. G. R. Mann, J. A. D. Morrison, F. H. Pentecross, D. B. Peat, R. L. Moncrieff, O. Skinner, E. Wilken.

BASKET BALL.

At 7.15 to-night, the University will meet St. Paul's College. Queen's College is to play the Railroad Recreation Club at 8.15. Both games are to be decided at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and will complete the Basket Ball League. Mr. A. E. Dome will have charge.

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TENNIS TOURNEY.

HONDA SURPRISES NG SZE-KWONG.

RAIN STOPS PLAY.

Although the weather was wretched, spectators who filled the stand at the H.K.C.C. yesterday afternoon, were treated to an exhibition of tennis which provided many thrills. Play was not up to championship standard as both Ng Sze-kwong and Honda were restrained by the occasion.

Postponed from Wednesday, the match was played last night but to conclusion was reached. The game will be re-played on Tuesday next.

From the start both players were unwilling to take risks. Honda, especially, never attempted his forehand drive at all. As play progressed, Ng tried to go up to the net but was passed several times. On the other hand Honda was beginning to settle down and gradually worked his way up to take the offensive. Some who have watched the tournament for years were of the opinion that the champion adopted the wrong tactics and should have been more enterprising or should have tried to keep Honda to the base-line. Few will disagree however, that "joss" was dead against Ng. Shots which would have won points previously, went into the net or outside and he was, on the whole, "off-colour."

Honda showed that he could adapt himself to the soft turf conditions and played many brilliant shots. He earned considerable applause by the way in which he brought off some "kills." Ng's service was mediocre and he appeared as if he were keeping something in reserve. Honda served at the top of his form.

When Honda took the first set at 6-2, winning the last four games in succession, it was not thought that the match would be as one-sided as it turned out to be. Those who looked to the champion setting the pace in the second set were surprised to see Honda leading 5-0, then 5-1 and 6-1, making two sets in his favour.

Ng took the first game of the third set. Honda made it 1-1 but Ng again led 1-2. Honda then secured the next two games 3-2. On Honda's serve in the next game deuce was called about ten times and the rain came on. Eventually Ng made the score 3 all.

After a stop of about 15 minutes play was resumed and the score taken to 4 all when Col. Robertson stopped play because the ball and court-lines could not be seen properly.

H. D. Ramjahn passed into the semi-final round yesterday at the expense of Yew-Man-tsun.

Another match not concluded because of the rain was that between Worthington and Sewell.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Open Singles (Fourth Round):

H. D. Ramjahn beat Yew Man-tsun, 6-4, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.

Handicap Doubles: E. J. R. Mitchell and W. L. Thomas (+ 15) beat C. D. Armstrong and D. J. Allfree (+ 4/6).

TODAY'S MATCHES.

The following matches have been arranged for to-day.

Open Singles (Third Round) A. D. Humphreys v. A. L. Raworth.

Mixed Doubles: Major and Mrs. Hattersley Smith (sex.) v. J. A. Worswick and Miss D. A. Rudge (+ 3/6).

Handicap Singles "B": A. H. Penn (+ 1/6) v. G. D. Jillings (+ 2/6).

HOME MAIL.

About 11.45 this morning a P. and O. steamer was sighted from Gap Rock and this is believed to have been the "Kashmir" which is bringing the Home mail. The vessel is expected in the harbour about 3.30 p.m. and the Post Office hopes to have letters ready for delivery by five o'clock.

Sex Plays and Novels.

The lack of purity is the canker dogging the footsteps of civilisation, declared Canon Derry, Arch-deacon of Auckland, at Durham recently. Moral authority was being questioned in all sorts of ways owing to the decay of religious belief.

He condemned the continual harping on matters of sex in novels, films, and plays, which were becoming absolutely nauseous. Why would they not give the country a holiday from that sort of thing? It was absolutely pernicious to life always to bring sex matters before the public, as it produced an atmosphere of suggestion.

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TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

The only game down for decision to-morrow is the replay of the Final in the Shield Competition. The finalists are the Surrey Regiment and Kowloon.

This will take place on the Club ground, kick off at 4.30 p.m. Admission to stands will be \$1 for the covered and 50cts for the uncovered.

It will be remembered that in the previous game these teams played a goalless draw after 110 minutes of football. The Surreys will probably field the same side whilst Kowloon make one change, Hayes coming in place of Mair.

This should provide an exciting afternoon for the followers of the game and whichever side wins there will not be much in it. In the event of a draw after 90 minutes' play, an extra ten minutes each way will be played. If a decision is arrived at the shield and medals will be presented after the game.

The Pipe band of the Surrey Regiment will play for half an hour before the start and during the interval.

CLUB DEFEAT POLICE.

Playing only eight men on Wednesday against the H.K.F.C., the Police were beaten by two goals to nil. Despite some good efforts, the Police could not reply to points notched by Forsyth and Howard in the first half.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

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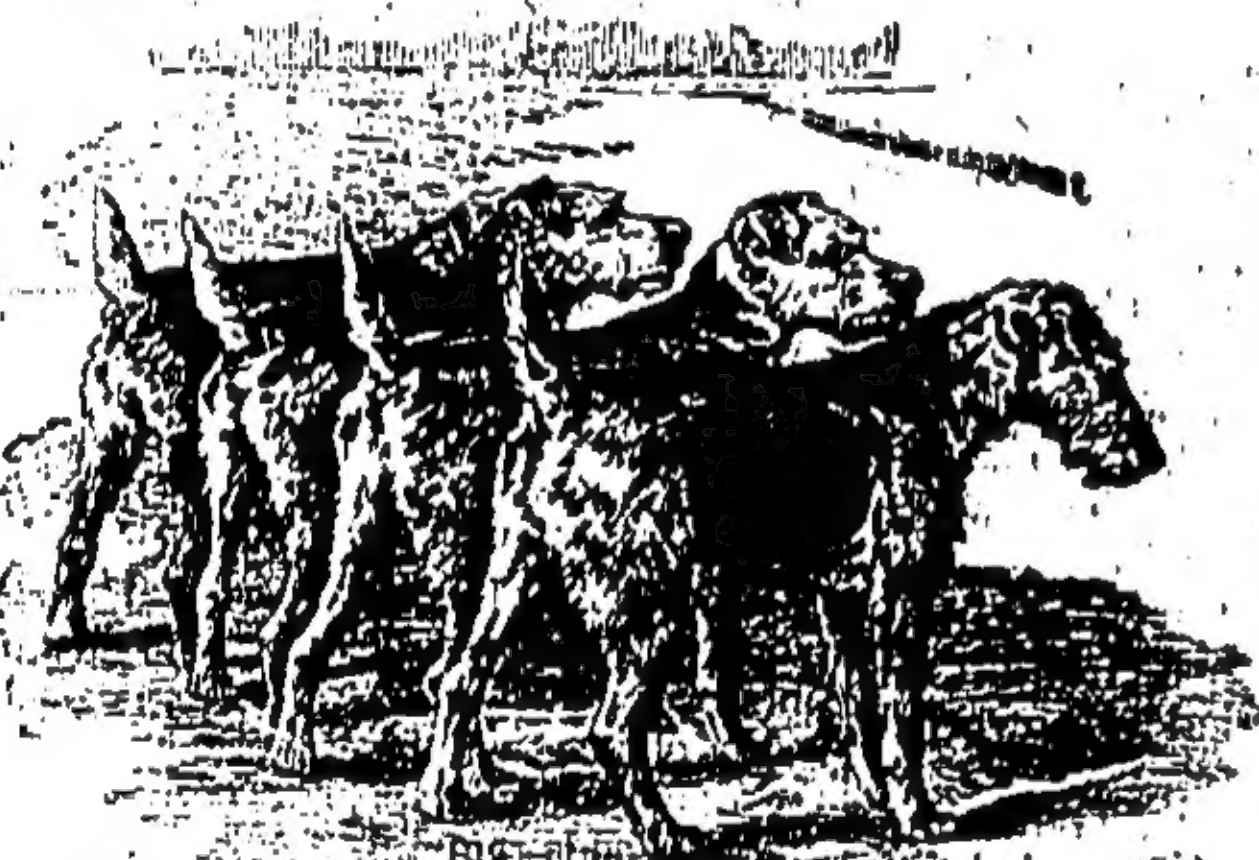
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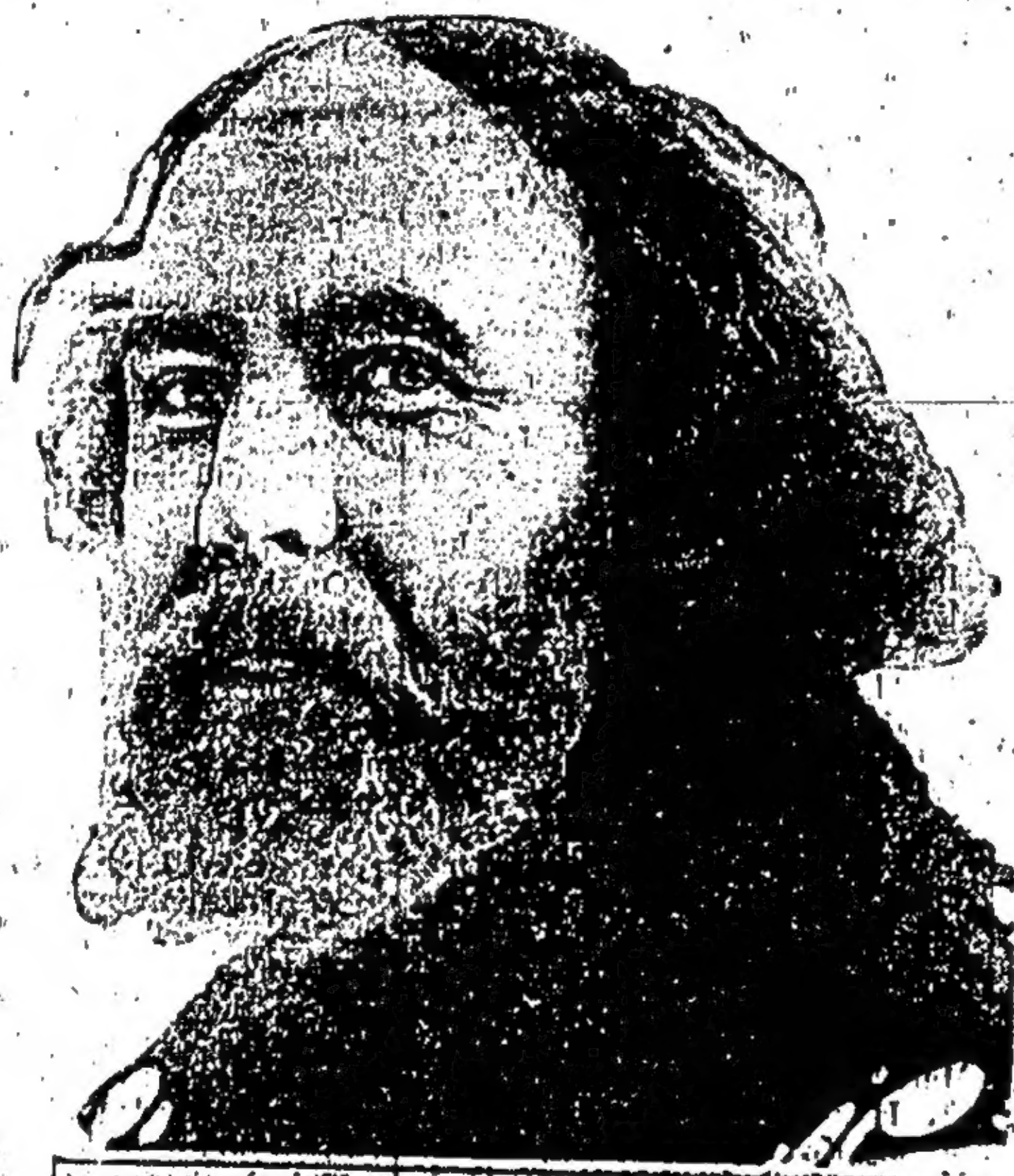
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During the Homeland's recent railway strike trams and buses were in huge demand. This photograph shows business people anxious to reach the City during the rush hour.



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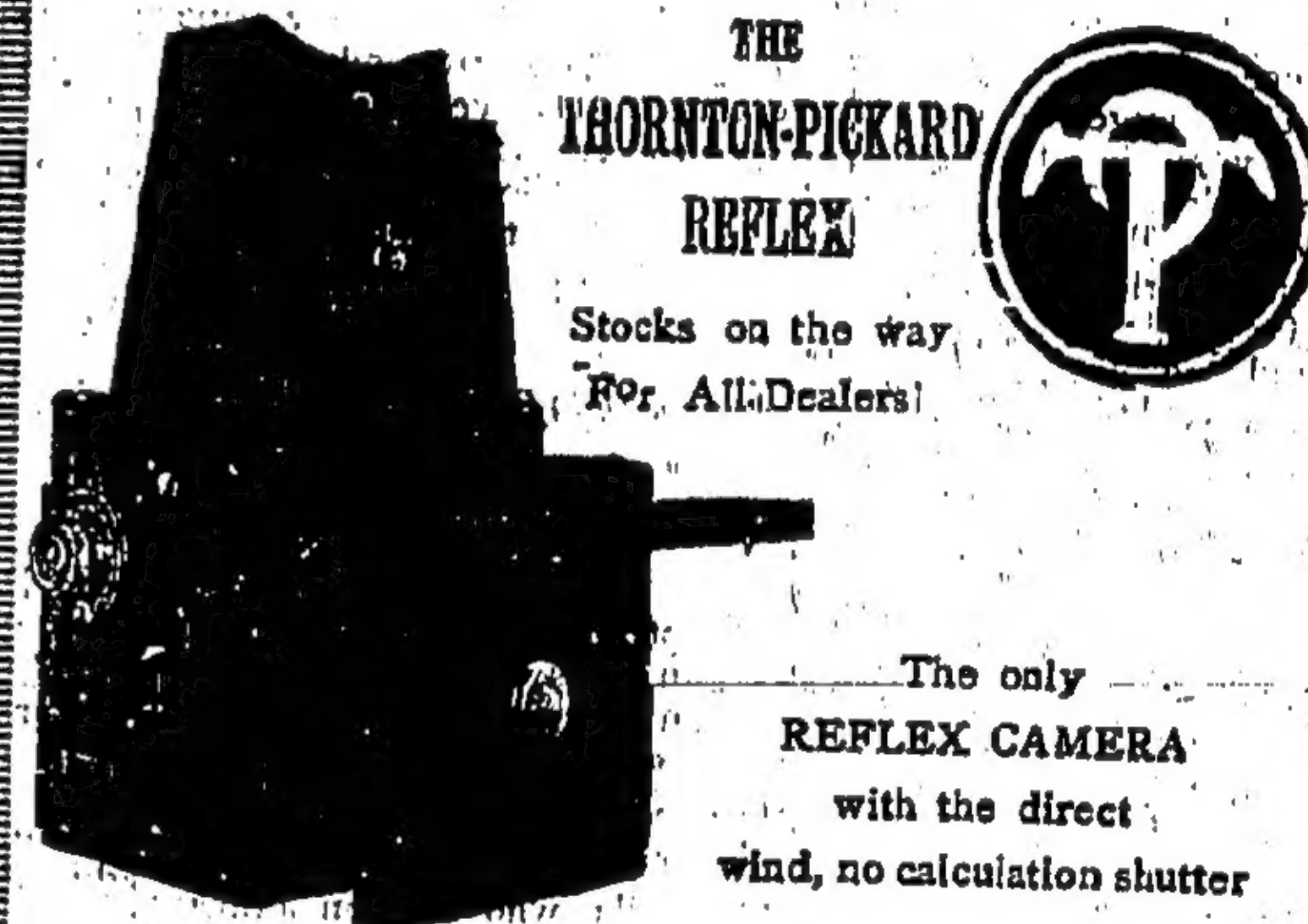
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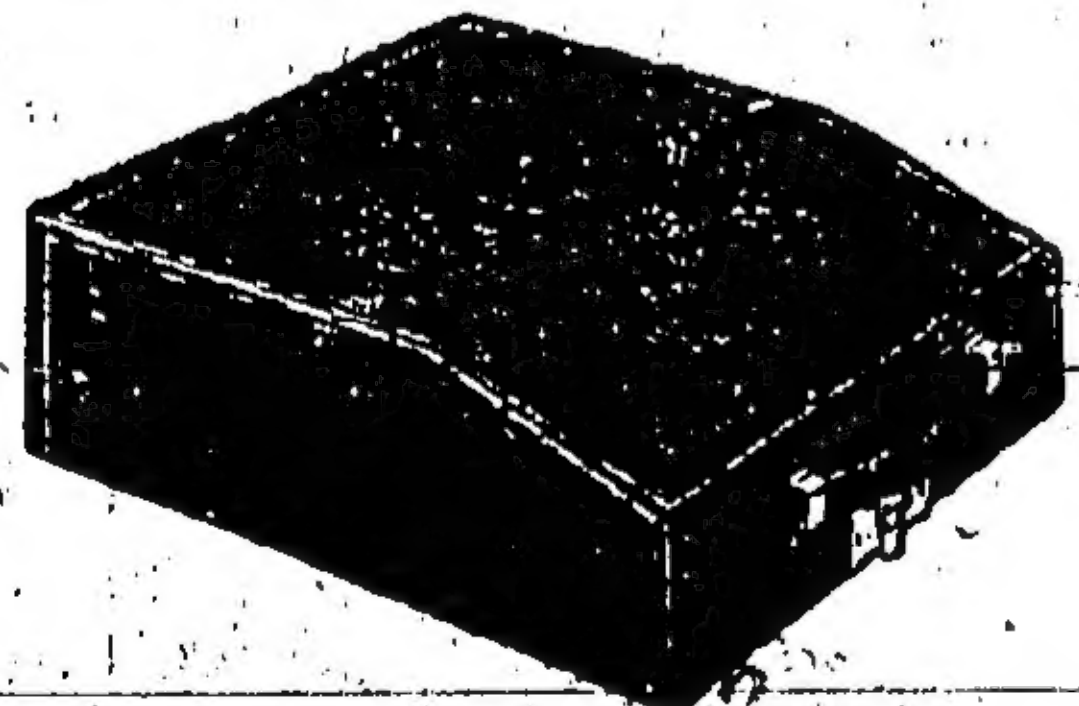
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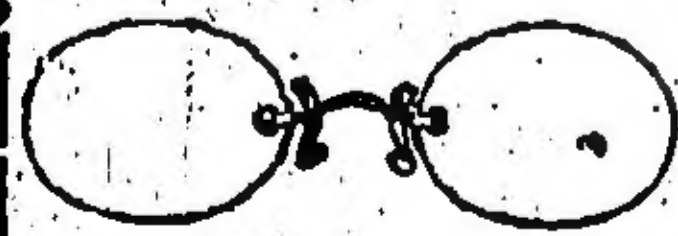
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